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Filed: September 20, 2001

Title: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR
DETERMINING A CRITICAL
DIMENSION, A PRESENCE OF
DEFECTS, AND A THIN FILM
CHARACTERISTIC OF A SPECIMEN

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-1412, 1501-1582, 1584-1687, 1689-1708, 1710-1750, and 1752-6632
without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

In the present Amendment, Applicants present pending claims 1413-1500, 1583, 1688,
1709, 1751 for consideration by the Examiner. If the Examiner has any questions, comments, or
suggestions, the undersigned earnestly requests a telephone conference.

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